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Reaching out in service to:

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Secretary of State



Illinois salutes its veterans

As a fellow veteran, I am pleased that those who have served our country have special representation in the Office of the Secretary of State. The office's Department of Senior and Community Services identifies and addresses issues relating to veterans, senior citizens, persons with disabilities and other community groups. The name was recently changed from the Department of Human Services to better reflect its scope, mission and activities.

This brochure highlights Secretary of State programs and services of special interest to veterans. From Rules of the Road Review Courses and employment opportunities to obtaining special military license plates, you will learn about the many programs and services my office provides. Our select veterans staff is qualified to answer your questions and concerns and is well acquainted with other government programs and services available to veterans.

I assure you of my ongoing commitment to serve Illinois veterans. The dedication and service they have given our state and our great country shall not be forgotten. Please contact the Department of Senior and Community Services if we can be of assistance.

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Veteran Employment

The Secretary of State maintains a veterans preference in hiring and administers a Veteran Networking Program to inform veterans of employment opportunities within the agency. The Secretary of State is committed to the placement of qualified veterans.

Not-For-Profit Status

Many clubs and veterans organizations are interested in acquiring not-for-profit status — a service provided through my office. For more information, contact the Department of Senior and Community Services.

Special Military Plates

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Another grouping of license plates — the Disabled Veteran, Ex-Prisoner of War, Pearl Harbor Survivor and Purple Heart — honor those who have endured the pain of war. The Gold Star license plate pays tribute to the spouse or parents of individuals who lost their lives while in the service.

Illinois also salutes Medal of Honor recipients with special plates recognizing their contributions. Korean War Veterans

license plates are also available to eligible veterans who served during that war.

For more information, contact:
Secretary of State
Non-Standard Plates Section
Howlett Building, Room 539
Springfield, Illinois 62756
(800) 252-8980

Making Parking A Bit Easier

There are two forms of identification for persons with disabilities parking: placards and license plates.

Parking placards are available at no cost to persons with permanent or temporary disabilities.

The other option is special license plates for persons who are permanently disabled. These plates may be purchased by individuals with disabilities at the cost of standard license plates for each vehicle titled in their name.

Disabled veterans may obtain special Disabled Veteran plates if their disabilities are 100 percent service-connected. In addition, the Secretary of State's office publishes a free Persons with Disabilities Parking Program guide.

Cut Car Costs

Discounts on automobile insurance premiums are available to certain drivers age 55 and over. Individuals who have successfully completed an Automobile Insurance Discount Program approved by the Secretary of State's office may be eligible.

Picture This

An official Illinois Photo Identification Card for both drivers and non-drivers can be obtained through the Secretary of State's office. The ID is free to persons age 65 and over and to persons with disabilities. There is a \$4 fee for others. The card is valid for five years and may be obtained at any driver services facility or mobile photo ID unit throughout the state.

When It Helps To Review

A free Rules of the Road Review course is offered state-wide to people taking the driver's license examination. Veterans' organizations are encouraged to sponsor these classes for members and their families. Call the Department of Senior and Community Services for more information.

For further information:

U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs

Chicago VA Regional Office
P.O. Box 8136
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Chicago, IL 60680
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VA Health Care Facilities:

Chicago (Lakeside) (312) 943-6600
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This pamphlet explains the Secretary of State's programs and services that may be of particular interest to veterans. As part of the effort to serve these individuals, our select veterans staff currently has a vast number of years of military service, and they are well acquainted with all aspects of state government affecting veterans.

I assure you of my ongoing commitment to serve those who have given so much to our state and to our country, and that our veterans shall not be forgotten.

Please contact the Department of Human Services if we can be of assistance.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "George H. Ryan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

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The newest addition is the Korean War Veteran plate (approved September 1993).

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